

Brewster girls pick up a win

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The Lady 'Dawgs took on the St. Francis Lady Indians in non-league play on Tuesday at Brewster. The Bulldogs' solid defensive play in the third quarter helped them build up a lead and eventually pick up a 59-46 win.

St. Francis came out with an impressive halfcourt press that gave the 'Dawgs quite a bit of trouble. The Lady 'Dawgs had several turnovers in the first quarter before their offense got rolling. Freshman Amber Barrie and junior Nicole Connell blocked a couple of Indian shots, and senior Nichelle Erskine rallied with two three-pointers to cut the Indians' lead to one at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter saw the

score vary back and forth between the teams, but Erskine drove the lane, dodging defenders on the way to the hoop for a bucket to give the 'Dawgs a one-point lead. Senior Rose Bear also had a great second quarter, with six points and several defensive rebounds. The Bulldogs led the Indians 21-19 at halftime.

The 'Dawgs defense stepped up in the third and forced the Lady Indians to commit three consecutive turnovers. The Lady 'Dawgs scored off each turnover and led 44-35 at the end of the third. Brewster maintained their offensive advantage in the fourth quarter and Barrie nailed a jump-shot at the buzzer to give the Bulldogs a 59-46 win.

Leading scorer for the Lady 'Dawgs was Erskine with 25 and Bear added 15. Connell had nine, sophomore Kasey Hoyt scored seven and Barrie had three.

Crusaders' team wins three of five

The Heartland Christian boys basketball team's record now stands at 4-8.

Coach Randy Regier said he thinks his team is coming together. He is particularly happy about his team's improvement on defense.

"We went from struggling on defense to being good on defense," Regier said.

The Crusaders have been playing well lately winning 3 out their last 5 games. They hammered Plainview from Sheridan Lake, Colo., 83-28 on Tuesday. In their previous four games they lost to St. Francis 69-59, beat Northern Valley 70-57 and Deerfield 48-44 and lost to Ingalls 71-49.

Senior Daniel Grace leads the Crusaders in points, rebounds and steals this season. He averages 17 points, eight rebounds and five steals. Junior Clint Goosen averages 17 points, six rebounds and three steals and senior Jeremy Myers averages 13 points and seven rebounds. Junior Tyler Bear averages three points and four rebounds and freshmen Daniel Myers averages four points and three rebounds. Freshman Cody Schmeiser averages one point and two rebounds.

Heartland will hold the Kansas Christian Athletic Association tournament on Friday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, Feb. 27.

Bulldogs boy's team loses to St. Francis

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The Bulldogs met up with the St. Francis Indians for the second time this season in a non-league matchup Tuesday night in Brewster.

The Bulldogs were looking to avenge a 23 point loss they suffered to the Indians in the Sagebrush Tournament Championship game. However, outsize by a very tall Indian team, the 'Dawgs couldn't quite get the win as they fell to the Indians 44-39.

St. Francis started the game strong offensively, as the 'Dawgs only managed to score five points in the first quarter, all of them by senior Devan Selby. Brewster trailed 13-5 at the end of the first. The second quarter saw the 'Dawgs close the gap outscoring the Indians 13-9. Senior Troy

Albers pulled down several rebounds, followed by a couple three-pointers by Selby and the Bulldogs only trailed 22-18 at halftime.

St. Francis turned up their game in the third, increasing its lead to 10.

The Bulldogs weren't done with the Indians yet. Senior Spencer Holm scored on a great downcourt pass from senior Ryan Allen and the Indians' lead was cut to three. Allen hit a long-range three and Selby netted one of his own, but the Indians hit their free throws and won the game 44-39.

Selby had a team-high 21, including five three pointers. Allen had eight, Holm scored six, and freshman Daymond Hanley added four.

The Bulldogs' next game will be against the Wheatland-Grinnell Thunderhawks at 8 p.m. tonight at Grainfield.

Looking for a teammate



Colby High sophomore Brenna McKee prepared to deliver a pass while being guarded by sophomore Skyler Barrett during the Lady Eagles' practice on Thursday at the high school.

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Golden Plains falls to Dighton

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The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs tussled with Dighton last Friday on their home floor. The girls fell behind early in the game and were unable to stay with the Lady Hornets. They ended up losing 56-26.

During the first quarter, the ladies only managed to score 7 points while allowing their oppo-

nents to pump in 15. The second quarter saw little improvement from the Bulldogs' as Jessica Luna put in the only 4 points of the quarter. Dighton's Kaylee Cramer scored 10 of her team's 16 in the second quarter.

Cramer continued to cause the Lady Bulldogs problems as she added 12 to the Dighton score in the third and ended the game with a total of 32 points. Jacy Moss was the offensive leader in the third quarter with all six of the Lady

'Dogs points and ended the game with 12.

A number of girls contributed to the Bulldogs final tally of 26. Moss had a team-high 12 and Luna added seven. Angela Ritter, Karly Miller and Alyssa Babcock all had two and Brandy Gilber chipped in one.

The Lady Bulldogs play the Wallace County tonight at Sharon Springs.

NCAA tourney might be expanded

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The NCAA has met with conference commissioners, university presidents and athletic directors about the possibility of expanding the men's basketball tournament.

So far, it's slow going. The NCAA started talking about expansion in the fall, along with numerous topics in all 88 championships, and hasn't gotten past the discussion stage yet.

"It's still a work in progress, so there's no further developments or status from (the fall)," NCAA senior vice president Greg Shaheen said.

It certainly hasn't stopped the conversation.

Many coaches and administrators like the idea of expansion and believe its a necessary step to accommodate a growing game. There are more teams than ever — 347 in Division I — more depth in the bigger conferences and more talent at the mid-major level.

Whether it's increasing the tournament field to 68 (four play-in games instead of one) or envelop-

ing the NIT to make it a 96-team field, more teams are bound to add up to more excitement, the thinking goes.

"If you're talking about adding more teams, I don't think the games would change a bit," Texas Tech coach Pat Knight said. Another argument is that a larger field would give teams from smaller

conferences a better chance of getting in. Giving automatic bids to the regular-season and conference tournament champions would reward consistency while still allowing for surprise.

In the current format, 18 percent of the teams get into the NCAA tournament and another 9 percent receive invites to the NIT.

Trojans thumped by Cloud

The Lady Trojans fell to the powerful Cloud County Lady T-Birds 73-42 at Concordia on Wednesday.

No. 21 ranked Cloud jumped out to a comfortable 41-17 lead in the first half. The second half was more even with the Lady T-Birds only outscoring Colby 32-25.

Sophomore Danisha Cole had a team-high 16 on six of 21 shooting. Cole also had eight turnovers. Freshman Hannah Thornton posted a double-double scoring 11 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, eight on offense.

The Lady Trojans committed 19 turnovers compared to the Lady T-Birds' 10. Emma Ostermann led Cloud in scoring with 16.

With the loss Colby dropped to 3-21 and 1-9 in the Kansas Jayhawks Community College Conference Western Division.

The Lady Trojans play Seward County Community College at 6 p.m. Saturday in Liberal.

Wildcats suffer loss to Baylor

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Pulling her chair away from the table, Baylor coach Kim Mulkey started to stand up, then bent back down to the microphone.

"How many of y'all have seen a girl dunk in game?" Mulkey said. "First time? My god, tell your buddies what they missed, huh."

Even watching it for the fourth time this season, Brittney Griner's coach is impressed with her ability to make dunking so look easy.

Griner added to her growing dunk dossier with a one-handed slam on the way to 26 points and blocked eight shots to singlehandedly overwhelm Kansas State defensively, lifting No. 15 Baylor to a 65-47 victory over the Wildcats Wednesday night.

"Everything we expected, she brought to the floor," Kansas State coach Deb Patterson said.

With Griner, it always starts with the dunks.

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~ League Bowling Results ~

January 19, 2010 - Pinbusters League				January 20, 2010 - Ladies Nite Out League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Cummins Central Power	117	83	1	Susie's Circus	8	0	1
Roommasters	112	88	2	Strike-Outs	7	1	2
Colby Automotive	100	100	3	Bop Shop Betties	6	2	3
Subway	100	100	4	Minds in the Gutter	5	3	4
Colby Bowl	99	101	6	Swartz Veterinary Clinic	4	4	5
Corona Kids	92.5	107.5	7	Straightline	4	4	6
Al's Painting	91	109	8	Assist-Ur-Sale	4	4	7
Bargos	88.5	111.5	9	Twisters II	4	4	8
First high Individual game: Josh Ryan, 279				Twisters	3	5	9
First high Individual series: Jason Hoppe, 725				Service Oil	2	6	10
				Don's Electric	1	7	11
				First high Individual game: Crystal Berndt, 219			
				First high Individual series: Deanna Smith, 579			
January 18, 2010 - First Nighters League				January 22, 2010 - Ten Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Sparky's Firework	117.5	42.5	1	Once Upon a Sign	38.5	29.5	1
Kansas Quicklube	101	59	2	Colby Bowl	36	32	2
Frontier Ag Inc.	96	64	3	Cal Williams	29.5	38.5	3
Woolter Well & Pump	93	67	4	First high Individual game: Bobbi Barton, 223			
Parking Lot Maintenance	81	79	5	First high Individual series: Bobbi Barton, 558			
Grinnell Furniture	78.5	81.5	6				
Pepsi	75.5	84.5	7				
Fire Xtrikers	70	90	8				
Discount Repair of	65.5	94.5	9				
NW Refrigeration	62.5	97.5	10				
Wild Ride	60	100	11				
McKee	59.5	100.5	12				
First high Men Individual game: Jeff Wagoner, 249							
First high Men Individual series: Scott Williams, 708							
January 21, 2010 - King Pin League				January 19, 2010 - Early Bird Ladies League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
5 Pony Men	92.5	27.5	1	www.strike	7	1	1
Drinkin Mates	88.5	31.5	2	NW Vacuum	6	2	2
Balls Deep	84	36	3	Bowlerettes	2	6	3
Morgan Construction	75	45	4	Van's Merry Four	1	7	4
Kurts Pro	63.5	56.5	5	First high Individual game: Dee Hovda, 202			
T.J. Tire	55	65	6	First high Individual series: Liz Sweat, 512			
Colby Automotive	52	68	7				
Thomas County Feeder	52	68	8				
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First high Individual game: Kevin Griffith, 259							
First high Individual series: Gordon Berry, 628							

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